



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Blauvelt et al
Filed: 01/16/2004
App. No.: 10/759,858
For: Etched-facet semiconductor optical component with integrated end-coupled waveguide and methods of fabrication and use thereof
Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: Michelle R Connelly Cushwa

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(c)**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

05/04/2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 02/02/2005, please amend the above named application as set forth hereinbelow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

The application as originally filed included 86 claims, 12 of which were independent claims. The application as amended herein includes 61 claims, 10 of which are independent claims. Accordingly, no additional fee is due for extra claims.

A new power-of-attorney and an Assignee Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) are included herewith.

A shortened statutory period for reply expired on 05/02/2005. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the required petition fee submitted herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith, along with copies of non-patent references cited therein. This submission is made within the time period specified in 37 CFR §1.97(c), therefore the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) is included herewith.